

## CHAPTER 1014

### MUTUAL AID ARRANGEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR DISASTER EMERGENCIES

S.F. 2305

**AN ACT** relating to emergency management assistance in a disaster emergency concerning mutual aid arrangements and agreements.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 29C.6, subsection 7, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

7. On behalf of this state, enter into mutual aid arrangements with other states, including mutual aid arrangements with other states that extend the terms and conditions set forth in the interstate emergency management assistance compact described in section 29C.21 to situations in which an emergency or disaster proclamation has not been made by the governor of an affected state, and to coordinate mutual aid plans between political subdivisions of this state.

Sec. 2. Section 29C.8, subsection 3, paragraph f, subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A member of a homeland security and emergency response team acting under this section upon the directive of the director or pursuant to a governor's disaster emergency proclamation as provided in section 29C.6 shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of section 29C.21 and chapter 669 and shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21. Disability, workers' compensation, and death benefits for team members working under the authority of the director or pursuant to the provisions of section 29C.6 shall be paid by the state in a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 85, 410, or 411 as appropriate, depending on the status of the member, provided that the member is registered with the department as a member of an approved team and is participating as a team member in a response or recovery operation initiated by the director or governor pursuant to this section or in a training or exercise activity approved by the director.

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